

**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE OF
APPOINTMENTS OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY
at ASHLAND AND LONDON**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of full-time United States Magistrate Judges for the Eastern District of Kentucky at both Ashland, effective August 24, 2006, and London, effective August 31, 2006. The duties of the positions are demanding and wide-ranging and will include: (1) conduct most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

The basic jurisdiction of the United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. Section 636. To be qualified for appointment an applicant must:

- (1) Be, and have been for at least 5 years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least 5 years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) Be a member in good standing of the bar of the Supreme Court of Kentucky at the time of appointment;
- (3) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (4) Be less than 70 years old; and
- (5) Not be related to a Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

The Magistrate Judge at Ashland will be required to reside in close proximity to Ashland, KY. The Magistrate Judge at London will be required to reside in close proximity to London, KY.

Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the judges of the district court in confidence the five

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persons whom it considers best qualified for each position. The court will make the appointments, following an FBI and IRS investigations of the appointees. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups. The salary of the position is currently \$149,132.00 per annum.

Application forms and further information on the Magistrate Judge position may be obtained from the Clerk of the United States District Court. Applications must be submitted only by potential nominees personally and must be received no later than November 1, 2005. Applications will be retained for 90 days after the position is filled.

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:	Leslie G. Whitmer, Clerk of Court United States District Court Eastern District of Kentucky P. O. Box 3074 Lexington, Kentucky 40588-3074
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